


REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment and allowance of all pending claims. In particular, the Applicant requests cancellation of Claims 15-26, 41-52, 54-57, 64-77, and 79-91 prior to calculation of fees for excess claims; amendment of Claim 53 to include all recitations of Claim 54; and amendment of Claim 63 to include all recitations of Claim 64. The Applicants further request examination and allowance of remaining Claims 1-14, 27-40, 53, 58-63, 78, and 88-95. Please note that Claims 15-26, 41-52, 54-57, 64-77, and 79-91 have been canceled without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue these claims in divisional and/or continuation applications. The Applicants further note that canceled Claims 15-26, 41-52, 54-57, 64-77, and 79-91 form a part of the specification as originally filed.

A Notice of Allowance is thus respectfully requested in due course. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone should any formalities need to be addressed.

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